

Delegated Decision

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Ref. No:	DM/25/1196	Case Officer:	Irene Fletcher
Application Type:	Tree Surgery		
Proposal:	Various works to trees as detailed in accompanying tree schedule. 0282 Western red cedar, fell.		
Site:	Burgess Hill School For Girls, Keymer Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0EG, , ,		
Validation Date	7 May 2025	Overall Expiry Date:	30 May 2025
Pre-Commencement Conditions Required:		Pre-Com Conditions Date Agreed:	
Recommendation:	Permission	Recommendation Date:	17 Jul 2025
Target Date:	2 Jul 2025	Recommending Officer Signature:	Irene Fletcher

Date Legal Agreement Completed: (if applicable)		No of Representations:	2
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Signed and Agreed By:	Beth Howland-Smith	Date:	17 Jul 2025
Comments:			

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**Burgess Hill School For Girls, Keymer Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0EG, ,
Various works to trees as detailed in accompanying tree schedule. 0282 Western red cedar, fell.
Mr Richard Moses**

Permission is sought for the works as described.

The felling, rather than works to the western red cedar have been confirmed, as alternatives are not acceptable within a tree application.

Works relate to ten trees to be felled within the Conservation Area, most of which are dead or dangerous, and works to five other trees in the Conservation Area, mainly general maintenance. They also relate to the felling of five trees protected by planning condition, again, these are dead and maintenance works to four others.

The application includes two TPO trees, one of which requires felling for safety reasons and works to another for maintenance purposes.

Most of the felling of the trees is due to ash die back disease and some have basal decay. Many are already dead.

A five day notice would have been acceptable in many of these cases, however, an application for the TPO trees provides an opportunity to condition replanting.

The trees are located around the perimeter of the site, within the school grounds, and in a small wooded area to the rear of residential properties.

Apart from the town council comments, two additional representations have been received, making the following points :

- agree with the request to fell some trees
- will replanted trees be subject to TPO ?
- loss of trees will be detrimental to Conservation Area and will remove screening
- trees should not be removed without replacement

With regard to these, and the town council comments, Firstly, a tree report has been provided. This is not required except for the felling of TPO trees, however, there are clear and acceptable reasons for the felling of all of the trees.

Only one replacement tree may be required by condition, as replacement trees cannot legally be required for felling within a Conservation Area, or trees protected by planning condition. It should be noted that extensive planting has already taken place on the site in the last 5 years.

The replacement tree will not be subject to TPO as it will not be the same species as that which it replaces. This is due to restrictions on the movement of ash trees, due to ash die back disease.

It is not accepted that there will be a significant loss of amenity as so many trees are already dead and most are internal to the site.

Permission is recommended.

Decision: Permission

Case Officer: Irene Fletcher